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October 15, 2015

Reminders . . .

UCAB Joint Committee Meeting

Monday, October 19 7:00pm-9:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: Upcoming MARC Rail Communities Plan for Germantown & Boyds

Guest: Roberto Duke, Montgomery County Planning Department

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov

Germantown Town Center Urban Park Opening

Saturday, October 17, 2015

5:00pm – 7:00pm

***rain date: October 18, 2015**

Special pre-event reception takes place at 4 p.m. at BlackRock Center for the Arts. Live music, tasting stations, and kid-friendly fun!

The World of Montgomery Festival

Exploring the World in Your Own Backyard

Sunday, October 18 12:00n-5:00pm

Montgomery College, Rockville Campus

51 Mannakee Street, Rockville

County Councilmembers Craig Rice and Sidney Katz Host Town Hall Meeting for the North Potomac Community



Wednesday, October 21 6:30pm-8:30pm
Quince orchard High School Cafeteria
15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg

**Come and discuss what's important
to you and the community!**



Questions? Please call 240-777-7955/240-777-7906

or

email: councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov and councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Montgomery County Public Libraries announce "Food for Fines" drive October 16 - 30

Montgomery County Public Libraries will support Montgomery County's Community Service Week by accepting canned goods and non-perishable food items to pay for library fines from October 16 to 30. **One food item brought in will equal one dollar off on library fines.** Food items should be taken to the Circulation desk at your local library. All food collected will be donated to the Manna Food Center.

Donations should include only shelf-stable foods, such as canned fruits, vegetables and meats, dried beans, brown rice, quinoa, low sugar cereals, baby food, formula and vegetarian items. The library is not able to accept home-canned items, opened foods, or foods past their expiration dates.

Customers must have existing fines or hold fees to participate in the Food for Fines program, but anyone may donate food items at the libraries during the drive. Food for Fines donations cannot be used towards fees for lost or damaged materials, collection agency fees, lost card fees or other charges.

For more information, contact your local library or check the library website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

Montgomery Airpark Invites You to an Open House Saturday, October 17 10:00am-2:00pm 7940 Airpark Road, Gaithersburg

Family fun, face painting, balloon artist, arts & crafts, remote control aircraft demonstration, antique vehicle displays, and more! Cessna 172 airplane rides too (fee applies). Live music 11am-1:30pm. Free hot dogs, burgers and chili while supplies last!

For more information, contact DC Metro Aviation at www.dcmetroaviation.com or 301-963-8043.

City of Gaithersburg Hosts Community Shredding Event Saturday, October 17 9:00am-1:00pm Activity Center at Bohrer Park 506 Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

Bring up to five paper bags or small cardboard boxes of paper and select electronic items for secure shredding and disposal. This is a free, drive-thru event for individuals and households, presented in partnership with the Gaithersburg Environmental Affairs Committee and Office Paper Systems. Click [here](#) for a list of acceptable items. The City will also gratefully accept donations of [nonperishable food items](#) for Manna Food Center.

The Montgomery County Police Department is Hiring for Police Officers! ARE YOU READY?

For more information please visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/career/index.html>

Leggett Initiative to Overhaul County Workforce Development Moves Forward; Council Approves Legislation, CEO Search Underway

County Executive Ike Leggett's initiative to wholly revamp the County's workforce development efforts moved forward this week with County Council approval of the non-profit WorkSource Montgomery Inc. (WSM) as the operating arm of the new Workforce Development Board – and the beginning of the search for a dynamic CEO to head the new effort. The Executive Search for a WSM CEO has begun under the direction of Strumpf Associates. **For information on job requirements, go to [Washington Post Jobs](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=15360). A CEO is projected to be on board by March 7, 2016.** See entire press release at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=15360



Montgomery Philharmonic presents Concert Sunday, October 18 7:00pm Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church 610 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg (free concert)

The Montgomery Philharmonic is a community orchestra based in Gaithersburg that consists of professional and on-professional musicians who are dedicated to providing opportunities to enjoy, explore and create music. Celebrating their 10th Anniversary Season, they will be playing celebratory music:

Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 in Eb major
Mozart: II Re Pastore, Overture
Schubert: Rosamunde Overture
Schubert: An die Musik
Schubert: Gretchen am Spinnrade

The Upcounty Regional Office is a partner of the Montgomery Philharmonic and encourages enjoyment of the arts.

Radon Test Bill #31-15 to Inform Homebuyers of Risks

Bill #31-15 has been introduced in the County Council with Councilmembers Rice and Katz as lead sponsors. The bill would complement State law. An amended version of the original bill will require: "Before completing the sale of a single-family home located in the County, the living quarters of the home must be tested for radon. The radon test results must be performed less than one year before final settlement. Both the seller and the buyer must receive a copy of the results."

High levels of radon gas can cause serious illness and often occur in single-family homes. Radon might be found in any home, but it is more likely to be present in older homes that were built when the dangers of radon were not considered. Many homes meeting that description can be found in Montgomery County.

Radon is already listed as one of the hazardous materials that a seller must disclose to the buyer of a single-family home if the seller has actual knowledge of its existence under Maryland State law. However, State law does not require a seller to determine if radon exists.

The bill will be the focus of a worksession of the Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 19. The Committee agenda is subject to change any time after printing or during the meeting. Please contact the Council office or visit their website to obtain daily updates www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

Did you know?

Gaithersburg Ranked #1 Nationally for Ethno-Racial, Linguistic Diversity

WalletHub, an online financial resource and services website for individuals and business, recently compared 313 of the most populated cities in the U.S. and ranked them based on racial and ethnic diversity, language diversity, and U.S. region of birth diversity. Gaithersburg ranked #1 for language diversity, #5 for racial and ethnic diversity, and #72 for region of birth diversity. Its aggregate score of 72.58 across all three of these metrics earned Gaithersburg the #1 ranking in the country. It was also ranked #1 in the Small City category for communities with populations of 100,000 or less.

Ride On Transit is Hiring!

The Montgomery County Transit system is recruiting and hiring new bus operators this month. Montgomery County Transit Services is looking for drivers who enjoy working with people, have a good driving record, and are interested in working for one of the largest suburban transit system in the country.

Minimum Qualifications

Must be over 21 years old, possess a valid driver's license, have 3 years driving experience, and no more than 1 point on driving record. Experience driving a transit bus is a plus.

If you require assistance in the application process, please bring an electronic version of your resume to the . . .

Bus Operator Assistance Fair

Saturday, October 24 9:00am-2:00pm
Montgomery County Council Office Building
Lower Level Auditorium
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

To apply online, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/careers

Resumes must be submitted online by October 31, 2015.

The Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia presents . . .



Manal Omar, VP, U.S. Institute for Peace

Tuesday, October 20 7:00pm
Globe Hall

Montgomery College – Germantown Campus
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Omar is Vice-President of the Middle East and Africa Center. She worked with Women for Women International as regional coordinator for Afghanistan. Named one of the "Top 500 World's Most Influential Arabs."

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the College's website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/athenaeum> or email joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu

Office of Human Rights to Host Employment Seminar
Tuesday, October 27 8:00am-11:30am
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

The County Employment Law Updates & Information Breakfast will provide participants with information about new and emerging employment laws recently enacted in Montgomery County. **The deadline for registering is October 23** and can be done online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights or by contacting Beverly Marshall at 240-777-8479 or Beverly.marshall@montgomerycountymd.gov. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served.

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County Launches Redesigned Website

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=15352

October is Cyber Security Month!

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cshtml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>